

Say La. Voter Disqualified For Not Dotting 'i'

An assistant attorney general of Louisiana told the U. S. Supreme Court that 1,377 Negro voters were removed from the state's eligible voter list for such reasons as failing to dot an "i" or cross a "t." Declaring that a Louisiana voter—by law—would have to be stricken from the rolls unless he came in and "made a correct application," Henry J. Roberts Jr., asked the high court to reverse a lower court decision ordering that the Negroes be re-entered on the active rolls. Asked Justice Hugo L. Black: "Are you serious that citizens of good character—religious, patriotic—who simply can't spell a word would be denied the right to vote if they were white men?"

Mahalia To Sing At Constitution Hall March 24

Gospel singer Mahalia Jackson was scheduled to appear in a March 24 concert in Washington, D. C.'s Constitution Hall, where famed contralto Marian Anderson was barred.

10 LAWMAKERS SPARKING FIGHT

As the crucial civil rights fight moved into its second week on Capitol Hill, enthusiasm among U. S. Negroes reached a new high, with thousands of letters demanding action pouring into the nation's capital. Besides, "patrol squadrons" of 400 leaders from eight states trooped onto the Hill to "fill the galleries" in a weekly project of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. They expect to play host to some 1,200 leaders from 21 states by the time the battle winds up.

Meanwhile, as interest swung to particular legislation, such as bills to protect voting rights and giving the Justice Dept. power to probe Dixie crimes, 10 lawmakers stood out for their prominent roles in the fight.

- **Vice President Nixon**—he is regarded as the key GOPer, able to command his party's votes.
- **Sen. Lyndon Johnson**—a Texan and presidential contender, he held to his promise to bring civil rights to the floor on February 15.
- **Sen. Paul Douglas**—the upper body's "Mr. Civil Rights,"









Texan, 52, Shoots Youth, 19, For Wife Stealing

Prominent Houston night club owner and former personal manager of blues singer B. B. King, Morris Merritt, 52, was charged with assault to murder after he shot and critically wounded 19-year-old Leo Tigner, whom police say admitted sleeping with Merritt's 26-year-old wife, Ophelia. Police said Merritt had warned young Tigner in the past to stay away from his wife but that the youth had declared his love for Mrs. Merritt, and told the outraged husband he had been intimate with his wife on occasions. Police said Merritt went to Tigner's house at eight o'clock in the morning, found his wife's Thunderbird parked in Tigner's shed, called the youth outside and shot him three times with a .38 colt after Tigner admitted spending the night with her.

Says Wife Urged Outside Romance, Seeks Divorce

In Washington, D. C., Melvin A. Tibbs sought a limited divorce from his wife of seven years, Martressa H., alleging that she not only refused to cook meals and keep the house clean, "has beaten, scratched and struck" him, and strongly recommended he seek extra-marital relations. The Tibbses have three children.

Dallas Man Kills Self, Wounds Ex-Girl Friend

A 27-year-old man who tried to woo his ex-girl friend for over a year after they broke up, critically wounded the girl and fatally shot himself. Police said Nathaniel Wyatt, 27, shot himself in the yard at the home of Sandra Wilson, 23, whom he brought flowers in a reconciliation attempt. The girl's mother, Mrs. Mary Helen Denmon, said Wyatt vowed he would kill himself if he couldn't have Sandra.

Tulsa Teacher Seeks End To 18-Year Marriage

A prominent North Tulsa schoolteacher, Mrs. Edna T. Moreland, filed suit for divorce from her husband of nearly 18 years, Robert L. Moreland, in District Court, on grounds of incompatibility, extreme cruelty and infidelity.

Ohio Policewoman Faces \$100,000 Alienation Suit

Charging that a policewoman "sought to persuade and entice" the affections of her husband, the estranged wife of Police Cap. George Ballard, 50, filed a \$100,000 alienation of affections suit in Cleveland Court of Common Pleas. Named in the suit filed by Mrs. Marie A. Ballard was Mrs. Betty Anthony, 40, a divorcee. Mrs. Ballard charged that Mrs. Anthony has consorted with her husband on numerous occasions, that Mrs. Anthony and Capt. Ballard had made frequent out-of-town trips together, and that they had been seen in public places in a romantic fashion. The Ballards were married in Cleveland on Nov. 27, 1957. Last year, Mrs. Ballard filed a petition for divorce, charging extreme cruelty.

Court Airing Held For Mixed Couple's Children

The white ex-wife of a Chicago man denied his charges that she wanted to place their three young daughters up for adoption "so that they won't be in her life now that she has remarried," and charged that her ex-mate is trying to extort money from her. Mrs. Charlane Malmquist, 24, former wife of David L. Noble, made the charges in testimony presented in Chicago Circuit Court. Noble denied Mrs. Malmquist's charges, but admitted he wrote checks on a depleted bank account—an offense for which he was convicted. Mrs. Noble is not wed to a white man.

GI Sheds Wife Who Wrote She Was Pregnant

Career service man James Leach won a divorce from his wife of six years, Marie, in Baltimore, after he presented as evidence the following letter he received from her while he was serving in Korea: "James, I think this will be a shock to you, but I have to tell you before somebody else tells you. I am going to have a baby and I think the best way out for us is a divorce. I know I did wrong. I tried to be true but it just didn't work out. Darling," the letter added, "I love you and no matter what happens will always care." The Leaches are parents of two children.

Leaders, NAACP Pledge Support To Rev. King

The nation's Negro leaders and the NAACP pledged full support of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who faces a possible 10-year prison term on two counts of perjury on charges of making false returns on earnings for the years 1956 and 1958. He must face jury trial in Montgomery despite the fact that he paid the \$1,600 taxes on \$29,085 unreported—"under very strong protest," he said—before a grand jury indicted him at Montgomery. King told JET that the tax charge was "trumped up" by the Alabama state auditor who was "under pressure." Earlier, King charged, the auditor audited his personal books and told him (King) that they "were handled with care and honesty." King said he paid the tax so he could leave Montgomery with the matter settled. Montgomery Solicitor William Thetford told JET that King indicated he would return to Montgomery from Atlanta for the trial.

Negroes' Protest Cancels Reno Church Minstrel

In Reno, Nevada, a Lutheran minister, the Rev. Armand Mueller of St. Luke's church, said he called off a scheduled minstrel show after the Rev. C. A. Crosby, assistant pastor of Holy Temple Church, said local NAACP members planned to stage a protest and picket the show. Crosby, who said "we wouldn't appreciate the ridicule of our forebears because they were in ignorance," declared the chief objection was to "the blackening of faces." He added: "That kind of thing went out years ago and it certainly would be bad anytime, but especially during the 1960 Winter Olympic games being staged in Squaw Valley, Calif., some 45 miles away."

Bishop Pike Calls For Equality 'On All Fronts'

The Rt. Rev. James A. Pike, Episcopal bishop of California and former dean of New York's St. John The Divine Cathedral, warned that progress towards racial equality in America will be "barren" unless it moves along "all fronts at once"—in housing, education, job opportunities, etc. He spoke in Washington.





Cleveland, Chicago and Los Angeles. But several of the participating clergymen admitted that "there has been a decline in anti-Catholicism among Negroes in recent years." Said one: "This could be the crucial year for the Negro voter to come of age."

JOURNALISM

N. Y. Age Newspaper Folds; Dismisses 30 Employees

The New York Age, the nation's oldest Negro weekly newspaper, suspended publication and dismissed its 30 employees after owner S. B. Fuller announced that he was losing from \$2,000 to \$4,000 a week on the venture. Fuller, a Chicago cosmetic manufacturer, estimated that he invested \$350,000 in the paper after buying it from John Sengstacke, publisher of the Chicago Daily Defender in April, 1957. Although circulation increased from 8,000 to 11,000, Managing editor Charles S. (Chuck) Stone said "revenue, however, simply did not keep pace with the financial requirements." In a front page editorial of the last edition, Stone wrote the paper "never caught fire . . . The New York Age is no more. We have published for the last time." In making his announcement, Fuller said: "It was a hard decision to make. Since 1880, the New York Age has been a leader in its area. For more than three-quarters of a century it has been a part of the history of the Negro in New York, champion of his cause, reporter of his victories and his defeats. It is tragic that this historical newspaper should have to go out of existence."

THE WEEK'S CENSUS

Died:

Edward Richard Blake, 77, doorman at Baltimore's Maryland Club who helped popularize the song, *Open The Door Richard*; of diseases incident to old age; at his home . . . **James R. Thomas**, 56, Cleveland attorney for 30 years; of natural causes; at his home . . . **James L. Davis**, 50, retired Indianapolis fireman and brother of Charles L. Davis, assistant circulation manager of Johnson publications; of undisclosed causes; at the Methodist Hospital



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S O C I E T Y

PARTY FARE At a meeting of women journalists in New York City's Coliseum, Democratic spokesman Anna Arnold Hedgeman quipped: "Even smoking cigarettes hasn't gotten us women very far into those smoke-filled rooms where political decisions are made." . . . To the previously-lily-white breakfast of the Manufacturers Council of Knoxville's Chamber of Commerce was added a splash of color. They invited and hosted C. L. Hyatte, editor of the Independent Call . . . When the wife of New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller invited the six women state legislators to lunch, she sent hand-written notes. Harlem third-termers Bessie Buchanan was one of the six . . . As a Midwest man-about-town watched the coming-out cotillion of local debs, he grinned: "Some of these 'girls' look old enough to be attending their calling-in party." . . . When Birmingham's Les Dates (Lamar Jones is president) christened the city's plush A. C. Gaston Auditorium, each date presented his lady with a red rose. Members and dates then formed a heart and sang *Let Me Call You Sweetheart* . . . Given the birthday-gift choice of a summer trip to Europe or a pale yellow Cadillac convertible, Katie Martin, wife of the Toledo medic, F. Breaux Martin, settled for the latter . . . Alpha Kappa Alpha sorors in Lubbock, Texas, met at the home of schoolmarm Olivia Smith Bradford to complete plans for the March 18 benefit appearance of soprano Margaret Tynes, the talented New York concert singer-actress. Proceeds will be used for scholarships for worthy young collegians.



STORY OF THE WEEK Asked what in New York City impressed him the most after his long sojourn in Jamaica, BWI, barrister Eustace V. Dench replied: "The way parents obey their children."



* PEOPLE ARE

- * The persistent talk in some authoritative circles that bandleader Duke Ellington may win an Oscar for his scoring of the motion picture, *Anatomy Of A Murder*. If he does, he'll become the first Negro musician ever to win the coveted award. Duke already has won three TV Grammys for his *Anatomy* scoring.
- * Greenwich Village poet Ted Jones' way out sleeping habits. Frequenters of his pad report this action: you knock on his door, a voice from within says "come in." Upon entering, you look around you but can't find your host. Reason: the cat's hanging up on the back of the door in his sleeping bag, reading and writing poetry before snoozing.
- * The quip by the Rev. J. T. Highbaugh Jr., organist-director of Cleveland's Abyssinian Baptist Church, after one of his frequent trips to the pokey for failing to pay his estranged wife, Cora, \$25 weekly alimony. Quoth the cleric: ". . . if they would let me out of jail maybe I could comply with the court order."
- * The Baltimore housewife who got herself cut loose from her ever lovin' quick and easy like after she told the judge that he treated her as a sister and that his girl friend was about to become an unwed mother.
- * The letter that New York Jewish woman wrote, commenting on the February *Ebony* article by Sammy Davis Jr., entitled "Why I Became A Jew." Said she: "I can't help but get a laugh at how Mr. Davis must be confounding the bigots. As a Negro, he is certainly lazy, but now that he is a Jew, he must be aggressive. As a Negro, he is undoubtedly careless about money, but as a Jew, he must be mercenary. As a Negro, he is of inferior intelligence, but as a Jew, he is too smart for his own good."

TALKING ABOUT

- *The whopping tab picked up by Roulette Records, Inc., of New York, who set 'em up at one all-night Count Basie recording session at the Miami Beach deejay's confab last spring. According to House snoopers probing payola, revelling platter-spinners swilled \$8,850 worth of liquor, wrapped their chops around \$4,205 worth of barbecue ribs and \$2,360 worth of bacon and eggs. Total bill: \$15,415.
- *The "red" faces of Chicago policy backers, who own the Four-Eleven wheel. Their book pulled 4-11-44 last week and policy players clobbered them for a cool \$40,000.
- *That big, 11-bedroom Cincinnati mansion in that changing neighborhood which drew the cops' attention after a party held there attracted at least 164 persons. Police raided the swank home and found gambling, drinking, dancing and "Playing For Pay" underway. Eighteen of the party-goers were hauled off to the jug.
- *The "overly protective" Chicago lady who caused her married daughter a bit of grief. During a phone conversation, she heard a dull thud, her daughter shout "Oh, stop Richard!" and drop the phone. Believing her son-in-law had lowered the boom on his ever-lovin', momma called the cops, who crashed the scene only to learn that little Richard Jr., 2, had taken a swipe at a parakeet cage and knocked it over.
- *The about-face that Detroit night club has made since it moved from its downtown location to midtown. At its former site, the club management not only discouraged the attendance of Negro patrons but insisted that sepia entertainers stay out of sight between shows. At its new locale, the management has turned the joint black 'n' tan, and is even seeking a Negro partner.

—CHESTER HIGGINS















Tries To Sell Census Jobs, Nabbed In Chicago

Arrested by the FBI for posing as a Federal official, Cress Patterson, a janitor at the General Service Administration Building in Chicago, was charged with operating a racket which can happen only once in 10 years. Police said Patterson took applications of prospective census takers from the office and informed the applicants they had been approved—for a seven dollar fee. Patterson collected \$38 on the racket, police said. The census is taken once every 10 years.

Probe Flogging Of Alabama Man By Whites

Alabama officials were asked to assist Columbiana authorities in investigation of the alleged flogging of a 26-year-old man by a group of white men. Circuit Solicitor Frank Head identified the victim as Junior Buie, who said his attackers accused him of hauling liquor, then took him into a wooded area where they beat him and took his clothes. Buie was treated for facial cuts.

Warren, Ark., Teacher Stabbed In Classroom

In Warren, Ark., schoolteacher Clyde Matlock, 23, suffered a serious stab wound in the upper abdomen when he was attacked by 16-year-old Lester Gilmore before a class of 14 other students at Bradley County High School for Negroes. Police Chief Tommy Dunaway said the attack took place when Matlock was disciplining Gilmore's younger brother, Charles, 14, for misbehavior.

Pastor's Wife Raped, Robbed On Subway Platform

A prominent East Harlem minister's wife, well known for her work in underprivileged areas, was robbed and raped by a 19-year-old youth on a deserted subway platform just underneath Madison Square Garden where more than 8,000 people and dozens of policemen were watching the Detroit Red Wings and New York Rangers' hockey game. The woman, 46, said the youth, whom she described as six feet tall, 150-to-160 pounds and medium complexion, robbed her of \$35 after he raped her.

















▲ Negro politicians in Texas are urging Senator Lyndon Johnson to speak out in favor of desegregating schools in his state if he wants to get their support in his fight to get the Democratic presidential nomination.

▲ Maurice Rocco (the pianist who plays standing up) is wowing night club patrons in Switzerland.

▲ Ex-Detroit night club singer Jean Du Shon is on the road to fame since she acquired a wealthy Harlem butcher as a financial angel. Her new ABC-Paramount record, *Together*, is getting a lot of disc jockey approval.

▲ Although thousands of Negroes belong to the Diners Club, sepiu newsmen were ignored when the club polled more than 1,500 theatrical and night club editors to vote for the top cafe performers to receive their annual awards.

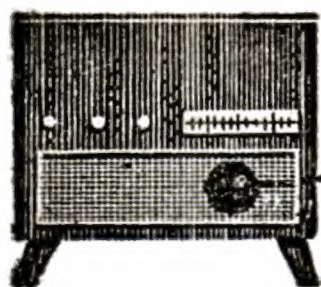
▲ Philadelphia disc jockey Georgie Woods stopped his stage show when one of his married teen-age fans started to give birth in the audience. He rushed her to a hospital in his car then returned to the stage to resume the show.

▲ Singer Sallie Blair temporarily cancelled her gig at the Town Hill Club. She was suffering from a laryngitis attack.

▲ Oldtime comic James Taylor of the Strawberry and Julia team was confined to a New York veterans hospital following a serious kidney operation.

▲ Joy Foster, the eight-year-old champ from Kingston, Jamaica, BWI, may not honor her invitation to the U. S. national table tennis championships in D. C. on March 11. Reason: her father doesn't have the money to send her.





RADIO-TV



Singer Diahann Carroll In TV Dramatic Role



Miss Carroll

Singer Diahann Carroll appears as guest star in a dramatic role in *Sing A Song Of Murder* on *Peter Gunn* (Monday, March 7, at 9 p.m., EST) on NBC-TV. Miss Carroll's role is that of a night club entertainer who fakes her own "murder" to escape her husband, portrayed by actor James Edwards. Others scheduled to appear on radio and television this week include:

Nat King Cole, on *The Steve Allen Plymouth Show* (Monday, March 7, at 8:30 p.m., EST) on NBC-TV.

Earle Hyman, on *Look Up And Live* (Sunday, March 6, at 10:30 a.m., EST) on CBS-TV.

Yama Bahama vs. Victor Zalazar, in a 10-round middle-weight bout (Friday, March 4, at 10 p.m., EST) on NBC-TV and radio.

Eartha Kitt and folk singer **Leon Bibb**, on *The Ed Sullivan show* (Sunday, March 6, at 8 p.m., EST) on CBS-TV.

Louis Jordan and his Tympany Five, on *The Swingin' Singin' Years* (Tuesday, March 8, at 8:30 p.m., EST) on NBC-TV.

Clyde McPhatter, on *The Dick Clark Show* (Saturday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m., EST) on ABC-TV.

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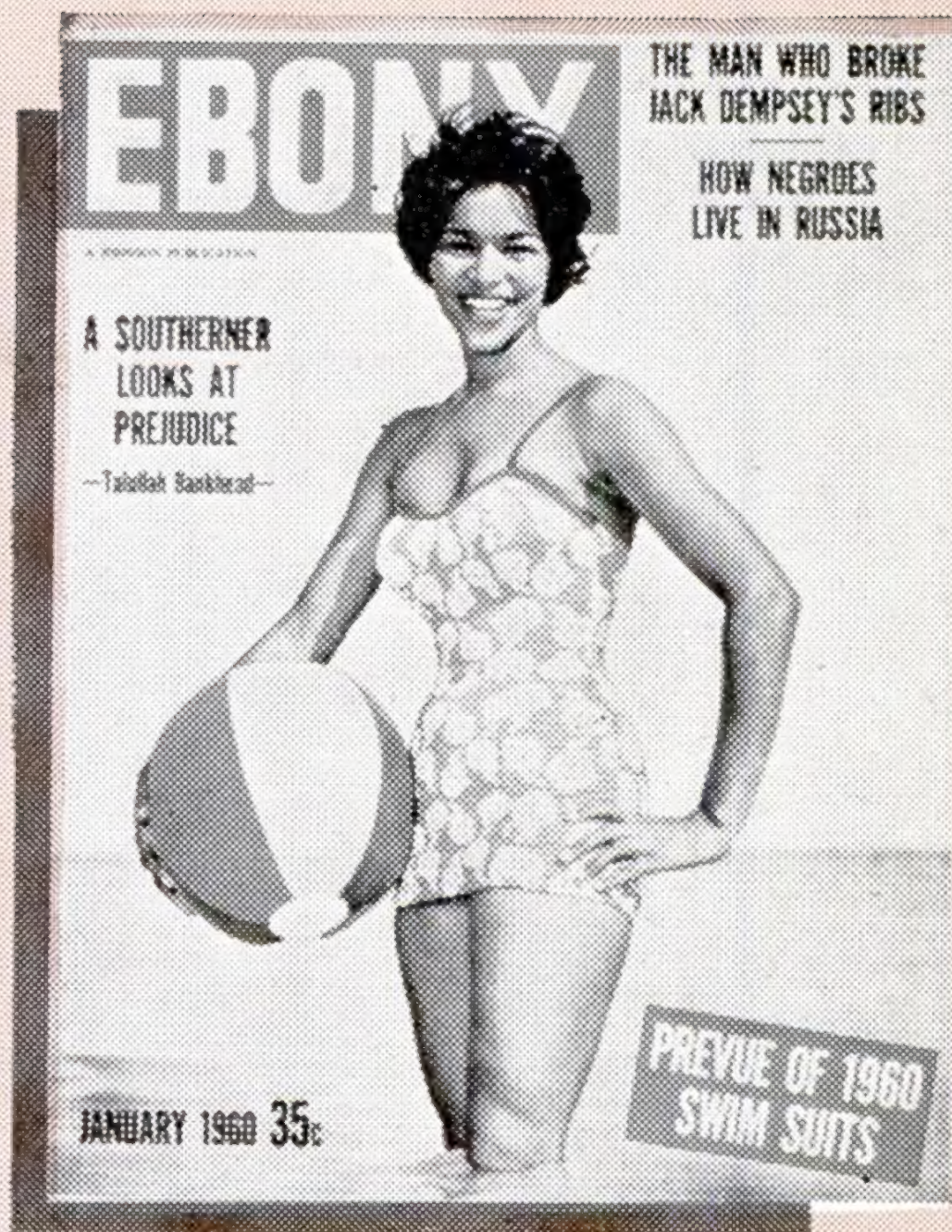
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